

Pack 1191 Happenings

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PACK 1191

Mount Airy, MD

Bears Learn about Law Enforcement

(by Ellen Conboy)

The Bears of Den 8 learned about the challenges facing law enforcement officers during a recent visit to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. During their visit, they saw the 911 call-center, detention cells, the squad room and other areas of the facility, and they learned about some of the techniques that police use to gather and control evidence.



Photo provided by Ellen Conboy

Bears of Den 8 with Corporal Johann of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office

Prior to their visit the Bears learned about using and collecting evidence by making plaster casts of footprints, and they were visited by a surprise visitor at a Den Meeting to teach them how to help police detectives by paying attention to "who, what, when, and where" when they see a crime or accident.



The Mount Airy Parade

(by Bryce M., Den 12)

The parade was cold because it was snowing. We carried a banner and pulled a Holiday tree in a wagon. We walked down Main Street on Saturday December 6, 2008. There were a lot of people watching the parade. The roads were icy and we had fun sliding down the hill.

Webelos I Go Camping

(by Adam M., Den 12)

On November 1st the Webelos I scouts went to the Walkersville Watershed to complete our outdoorsman badge. We did some great things like toasting bagels over the fire, cooked spaghetti, and even made a tin foil oven to bake brownies over a coal fire. The Webelos I scouts also found some kindling, tinder, and fuel wood to get a nice warm fire. Lastly, the kids carved big sticks. We had lots of fun.

Wolf and Tiger Dens Sport their Flags



Photo provided by Ginny Titus

Wolf scouts of Den 4 display their new Den Flag



Tigers hold their Den's flag in preparation for Flag Ceremony

Tidbits:

- ◆ Don't forget to pick up your Gianni's order at the December Pack Meeting!
- ◆ Thank you to these leaders for attending Pow-Wow for additional training: Dave Conboy, Ellen Conboy, Ellie Homce.
- ◆ Our Pinewood Derby is in January - if you don't have your car kit yet, please tell your Den Leader.
- ◆ If you're cleaning house in preparation for the holidays, please save those gently used but unwanted toys, videos, and books for the Blue and Gold Banquet cubby bucks activities. (Contact Paul Christensen or Beth May for item drop-off or pick-up.)

Popcorn Sale Successful



It was cold outside on November 22nd, but the scouts of Pack 1191 bundled up and sold Trail's End popcorn from a table outside of Superfresh. By the end of the day all items were sold (with some purchased by the scouts), and several no-sale donations were also received. Thank you for a job well done to all who participated!



At the Superfresh sale, Webelos I scouts wait for customers (left) and Wolf Billy T. shows a gift tin (right)

Pinewood Derby: Competition and More

At our Pinewood Derby in January, scouts will race their cars in competition for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in three classes: Tigers, Cubs (Wolves and Bears), and Webelos (I and II). Winners will be eligible to compete in the District-level Super Derby in March. Ribbons will be awarded in various categories, such as most theme-relevant ("A-maze-ing Games"), most scout-themed, judges' choice and scouts' choice. Siblings, parents and leaders will also have the opportunity to race. If you would like to help run the event, please attend the Leaders Meeting on January 9th.



Blue and Gold Just Around the Corner!

On February 22nd we will celebrate the "Birth of Scouting" at our annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Our pack's banquet traditions include dinner, awards, a cake contest, silent auction, and cubby bucks* sale and auction. Please hold the date for this fun family event. If you would like to help plan, cook, decorate, or help in other ways, there will be many opportunities before and during the banquet; please contact Beth May. Also, we need cubby bucks donations (see Tidbits).

*Cubby bucks will be distributed by Den Leaders.

Scouting Days at Mount Vernon, VA

Historic Mount Vernon welcomes all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire Club members (in uniform or wearing an official pin) to FREE admission during its Scouting Days program November 1, 2008 through February 15, 2009.

George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, open to the public since 1858, communicates the character and leadership of Washington to millions of Americans each year through a variety of interpretive programs on the Estate and in classrooms across the nation. Mount Vernon is owned and operated by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, founded in 1853, making it America's oldest national preservation organization.

Mount Vernon is located at the southern end of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, just 16 miles from Washington, D.C. Hours of operation from November through February are: 9am to 4pm. For more information please visit www.MountVernon.org.

Upcoming Pack Activities

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| 12/16/08 | 7:00 pm | Pack Meeting ("Holiday Lights")  | American Legion Post 191 |
| 01/04/08 | 3:00 pm | Blue & Gold Banquet Planning Committee Kickoff | TBD (contact: Beth May) |
| 01/09/09 | 7:30 pm | Leaders Meeting | Christensen House |
| 01/23/09 | 7:00 pm | Pinewood Derby Car Registration | American Legion Post 191 |
| 01/24/09 | 9:30 am | Pinewood Derby ("A-MAZE-ing Games") | American Legion Post 191 |